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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Names Ben Poteet as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes Volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

Jefferson City- Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced Ben Poteet of Joplin as a quarterly winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. As the official Senior Citizen Advocate for the State of Missouri, Lt. Gov. Kinder created the Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments that Missouri's senior citizens continually provide their local communities.

Ben Poteet regularly volunteers for the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging in Joplin, and also assists at all of the senior centers in Barton, Jasper, McDonald, and Newton counties. Mr. Poteet fills in as needed for homebound meal routes, taking the hot noon meals from the Joplin Community Center to the other centers. He also serves on the board of the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging.

"There are thousands of Missourians whose lives are touched by the unselfish work and caring hand of someone like Ben Poteet," said Kinder. He added, "These acts of kindness go on unnoticed all around us every day. Ben offers his time and labor back to the community, and I want to bring these stories to the public, so we can all thank him for this work."

Ben Poteet was nominated for Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder's Senior Service Award by Beverly Scroggins, Director of the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging

Mr. Poteet will receive an official declaration from Lt. Gov. Kinder, a Senior Service Award Lapel pin, and special recognition at the State Capitol from Lt. Gov. Kinder.

Nominees for the Senior Service Award must be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the past year in their community. Senior volunteers can be nominated on a quarterly basis by filling out a brief form available on Lt. Gov. Kinder's website at www.ltgov.mo.gov. Letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination forms.